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For: SPRING COUNTERBALANCE METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR VARIABLY BIASING A DOCK LEVELER

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Sir:

This response is to the non-final Office Action mailed December 10, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire April 11, 2005 (April 10, falls on a Sunday) with a one-month extension of time requested herein. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.